I don’t pretend that I can stand before you and argue Constitutional law, however I can give testimony that a Stand Your ground law would be beneficial to all parties concerned in the event of a violent crime taking place. In my opinion, being able to Stand your ground instead of attempting to retreat may in fact serve to de-escalate a violent attack and even save lives. A criminal would not expect a law abiding citizen to Stand firmly against them.

It is also my opinion that attempting to retreat might actually embolden a criminal and cause him to attempt to harm a law abiding citizen instead, simply as a show of power and authority over them.

I’ve always heard that the best offense is a good defense. That is why Stand your ground is a very good defense. Let us please enact SB237 into law.

Thank you,

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